

FALL – SEPTEMBER 2022

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“Skip a stone.
Take a hike.
Sit a spell.
Listen.
Daydream.
Just breathe.
This is lake living.”

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*“Around the lake the trees surround
Reflections on the water shine,
And deepest blue the autumn sky
A picture that is so divine,
The autumn all around me now
As leaves are floating to the ground,
A whisper of the summer gone
As they fall without a sound.”*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kevin McMaster

Welcome to our fall newsletter. You know that summer is closing fast when you start to see those “Back to School” ads. Sorry to see the summer coming to a close but excited for cooler temperatures, fall colors (although I hate raking leaves) and football! GO GREEN!

Fall Meeting

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Fall Meeting, Saturday, October 8th, 2022 and will be held at the Township Hall. Donuts and coffee will be available at 9:30 with the meeting at 10:00am.

Lake Reflections – Summer

- **Max and Gayle Diver** canoeing around Crystal
- Kids and families swimming off their pontoons and playing tag on swim mats
- Sunsets, Sunsets, Sunsets...
- 4th of July fireworks over our lakes.
- Boat parade...10 boats, decked out pontoons in red/white/blue playing and singing patriotic songs, **Mike King's** boat at capacity... much fun had by all!
- Hawaiian Summer picnic, great food and fun for all thanks to **Barb Yamarino** and all her team for an epic Luau Party!
- **Judy Moskus** effortlessly gliding across the lake in her rowing skull.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, continued – Kevin McMaster

- Kids fishing day...great participation, thanks to all the volunteers and **Dave and Nancy VanDerworp** for opening their cottage... a super fun event!
- Lake levels highest I can remember thanks to regular rain.
- "Fisher people"... I see **George, Thea, Rick, Wayne, Chad, Father Bill**, and others looking to catch that trophy fish. As Thea says "the tug is the drug" that keeps them coming back.
- Meckley's concert, donuts, pies
- Late night boat cruises by **Pam and Kenny Gauci**
- Grandson caught a rainbow trout only to drop it back in the lake before we could get the picture.

Annual Meeting

There was great attendance at our annual meeting. I appreciate everyone's interest in updating our bylaws.

Lake Board

Thanks to all the volunteers on our lake board. They have worked tirelessly on keeping our lakes, roads and properties in order. We truly can be proud of this special community!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Patty Maher

There is always a little melancholy for me when summer gives into fall. That said, we are looking forward to spending our first "full" fall season at the lake with our cottage now completely finished. I am sure the beauty of the lake and the trees will be wonderful – along with some football games to keep us engaged. (In our house it is both Go Blue! and Go Green!) Truth be told, I really like the fall best of all seasons.

Since the summer meeting in July, I have updated the final version of the By-law document and helped to get it posted to our website. I also completed a schedule of standing events and tasks for all the Board to use and reference in this current fiscal year. This will also be 'reusable' for future years by the Board of Trustees. This fall, I will be drafting some other ideas for Kevin and the Board to consider which could allow me to contribute to organizational practices and documentation. (If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me – CLPLVeep@gmail.com)

I hope see you at the fall meeting, or out and about at the Lake.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Thea Kirkwood

Many thanks to all of you for helping me remain current with our directory. Diane Ostrosky keeps me updated as new association members are added. We would like to welcome our latest members, Andrea and Joe Henderson, who purchased Jane Archambeau's home. Joe's parents owned a cottage on the lake previously, so they are happy to be back on the lake with their family,

Communications via email have worked well and I try to answer any of the questions sent to me or direct you to the proper person. You can email me at clplsecretary@gmail.com if you want to check the status of your contact information or have a request to pass along.

With that in mind, several members have asked us to gently remind people that our lake environment requires intentionality to preserve. As homes on the lake are improved or transitioned to full-time residence, please be aware that lighting added to homes has a significant impact on the night sky and sense of remoteness. They are often most noticeable from across the lake or neighboring property, especially large utility lights. Please consider how lights, particularly solar which remain on every evening, will add to light pollution (a term often adopted for remote areas) and perhaps impact others. Motion detection lights have greater control and can be turned off as appropriate. Lighting is an enjoyable and attractive aspect of our homes. Lights that are on while enjoying your deck or entertaining add a festive quality with the added benefit of turning off when not being utilized. Seasonal Christmas lights add to the holiday traditions and can be enjoyed by all. And of course, we want people to feel safe while navigating their property and lighting is part of that. The requests were offered as a shared sense of awareness.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Ostrosky

Invoices have been sent out for Road Dues and Administration fees for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This year was the first time calculating dues owed by our members since the new By-Laws were instituted which specifically impact those with multiple lots. We painstakingly made every effort to review and peer check each one to ensure accuracy. I did encounter a couple discrepancies and was able to work through them with the respective member.

We also sent invoices via email for the first time. There were only a few that either do not have an email account or the email addresses we had on file didn't work. We also instituted the ability for our members to pay their dues using the online payment app of Venmo. Overall, I think it was a great success and we will hopefully only get better once we fine tune all the details.

Dues are coming in regularly with no current unresolved issues. Thank you to all of those who have currently paid. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at ostroskydl@comcast.net .

ROADS' REPORT – Rick Applegate

Our summer of 2022 had some pretty good belly washes which is welcome to keep our lakes at full pool but a challenge for us road guys. Thanks to Terry Yamarino, Frank Dietrich, Tim Ostrosky and Tom Lieblein for their help taking on the grading along with the multiple jobs including grader maintenance throughout the year.

Thanks to Kevin McMaster for donating additional lighting in Dan Stevick's pole barn where the Association's equipment is stored. What a difference this makes for working on our Maintainer/Grader.

Fall cleanup of leaves and small branches can be taken to our compost. Please do not rake onto our roads.

Don't forget our 15 MPH speed limit. Be sure and tell your guests and workers.

Snow plowing of our roads is done by Precision Lawn care. This coming winter, they will be driving the roads weekly to assess any icy conditions. If you have a stretch of roads that is icy, you may call Precision Lawn Care directly (Jason Sumner at 517- 438-1309).

****NOTE**** - I am trying to wind down my involvement with the roads committee before next summer so we need someone or someones to assist or we will be forced to subcontract some of the work resulting in cutbacks to our scope of work and increased expenditures. If you are interested in serving, please let me know.

LAKES' REPORT – Bob Conn

The summer is almost over, and the water level is still looking good for both lakes. Lake treatment for both lakes utilized all of the SAD money and relied on help from the Foundation for weed harvesting on Perch Lake. I will be looking at the lake weed stone shield next year as it is beginning to replace lily pads which we need in our ecosystem. I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding as we have difficult climate issues that impact our lakes. I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – Barbara Yamarino

Well, it looks like Summer is on its way out and Fall is just around the corner. The T-shirt / sweatshirt fundraiser for the lake didn't go over as I had hoped. I couldn't get an exact total yet, but there were only 18 orders. Thank you to Chuck Fifield for the new design concept for this year's shirts. Everyone loved the eagle logo!

SPECIAL PROJECTS, continued – Barbara Yamarino

Big thanks to everyone that has sent in pics for the 2023 calendars. There are some great sunrise / sunset pics. All pictures must be sent in by September 20, 2022 so that we have time to get them printed. I will have some to sell at the Fall Meeting on October 10, 2022. The cost will be the same as last year – \$20. We still need two volunteers to help choose the pictures for the 2023 Lake Calendars. Please email me at byamarino@att.net or text 734-658-8067 if you would like to be part of the team!

See you next month at the Fall Meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar photo deadline – September 20, 2022 (see details above in Special Projects)

Fall Membership Meeting – October 8, 2022 from 10:00a to 12 noon, coffee and donuts at 9:30 – Somerset Township Meeting Room

Spring Membership Meeting – April 22, 2023 from 10:00a to 12 noon, coffee and donuts at 9:30 – Somerset Township Meeting Room

Summer Membership Meeting – July 8, 2023 from 10:00a to 12 noon, coffee and donuts at 9:30 – Somerset Township Meeting Room